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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8090

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, AF (DELARAY, LOUIS W.)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ACCIDENT

REF: STATE 113406; STATE 114279

FOR: ROSS T. DELARAY

290 AVENUE 64,

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

1. POLICE REPORT OF ACCIDENT STILL UNAVAILABLE TO EMBASSY.

2. CONSOFF TRAVELLED TO PULI KHUMRI TO SEE SITE OF ACCIDENT.

DURING TALK WITH PULI KHUMRI POLICE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS GIVEN: L W DELARAY RENTED CAR WITH DRIVER FROM LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY TO DRIVE TO NORTH AFGHANISTAN. ON RETURN TO KABUL MAY 23 ACCIDENT OCCURRED LATE AFTERNOON IN PULI KHUMRI.

ACCORDING TO POLICE DELARAY WAS DRIVING VEHICLE WHEN ONCOMING TRUCK APPEARED IN LANE OF DELARAY'S VEHICLE. DELARAY BRAKED AND SWERVED TO AVOID TRUCK AND PLUNGED INTO TEN TO TWENTY FOOT RAVINE ON HIS RIGHT. DELARAY DIED INSTANTLY, HIRED DRIVER WAS AND REMAINS, UNCONSCIOUS WITH BROKEN BACK AND OTHER INJURIES.

FYI: IT APPEARS TO CONSOFF, AS DRIVER WAS HIRED FOR TRIP, HIGHLY UNLIKELY DELARAY WAS IN FACT DRIVING VEHICLE AT TIME OF ACCIDENT. LIKELY THAT POLICE REPORT THAT DELARAY INSTEAD OF DRIVER WAS DRIVING IS MEANS TO PROTECT DRIVER AND TRAVEL AGENCY HE WORKED FOR.

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3. POLICE IN PULI KHUMRI, SITE OF ACCIDENT, UNABLE TO

TURN OVER PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PASSPORT OF DELARAY TO
CONSOFF. EFFECTS AND PASSPORT FINALLY TURNED OVER TO EMBASSY
BY POLICE IN KABUL AFTER WORKING HOURS MAY 28.

4. FS-192 WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN AUTOPSY, MANDATORY UNDER
AFGHAN LAW, COMPLETED. AUTOPSY AND SUBSEQUENT CREMATION
EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED JUNE 1 OR JUNE 2. DEPARTMENT WILL
BE NOTIFIED.

5. NOTE THAT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NON-WORKING DAYS IN KABUL
AND ONLY NIACT IMMEDIATE TRAFFIC REPLIED TO UNDER NORMAL
WORKING CONDITIONS ON THESE DAYS. HENCE DELAY IN RESPONDING
TO STATE 113406.
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